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## PERSONAL PROFILE

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- Enthusiastic learner, teacher and research engineer with a passion for computer modelling and simulation of coupled interactions in multiphysics problems in Engineering.
- Eleven years of research experience on advanced numerical methods for incompressible solid and fluid mechanics, and multiphysics problems of fluid-structure interaction, electromechanics, morphoelasticity.
- Effective communicator along with excellent planning and organisation skills. Able to successfully execute and lead projects, establish collaborations, and achieve results.
- A humanist. A helping hand to those in need. I too am part of that fire burning inside everyone fighting against inequalities and injustices.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Theme:** *Computational Modelling of Complex Multiphysical Dynamical Systems*

Topics of interests include but not limited to Solid Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics, Structural Dynamics and Vibrations, Fluid-Structure Interaction, Electro-Magneto-Thermo-Mechanics, Finite Element Analysis, Meshless methods, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Time integration schemes, High-Performance Computing.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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I am interested in teaching Engineering Mathematics, Fluid Mechanics, Solid Mechanics, Dynamics & Vibrations, Numerical methods and Programming for Engineers, Finite Element Analysis, Computational Fluid Dynamics, ANSYS Workbench/Mechanical/Fluent and Research Software Engineering.

## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy** in Mechanical Engineering **2010 - 2013**  
Swansea University, Swansea, United Kingdom.

**Dissertation:** Mixed Galerkin and Least-Squares formulations for Isogeometric analysis.

**Master of Technology** in Mechanical Engineering **2006 - 2008**  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India.

**Dissertation:** Bifurcations and chaos in misaligned rotors with bearing clearances.

**Bachelor of Technology** in Mechanical Engineering **2002 - 2006**  
G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Kurnool, India.

**Dissertation:** Simulation-Driven-Design of spur gears using C and ANSYS.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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- 2010 - 2013: Prestigious **Zienkiewicz Scholarship** for PhD from Swansea University, UK.
- 2010: **Six-Sigma** Green-belt certification award for process improvement from GE.
- 2006 - 2008: Scholarship for master's degree in IITs from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. (**All India Rank 77 (top 1%)** in entrance test in Mechanical Engineering.)
- 2002 - 2006: **Prathibha Merit Scholarship** by the Andhra Pradesh state government, India.

## RESEARCH FUNDING

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- 2013-2017: **£250,000** as the sole researcher in the project funded by Schaeffler Group, Germany.
- 2017-2018: **£49,000** as the sole researcher in the project funded by Three Cliffs Geomechanical Analysis Limited, Swansea, United Kingdom.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **W.1.) Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering**, University of Bolton, UK.

**Since Dec-2020**

- Designed and successfully delivered two MSc modules *Advanced Engineering modelling and Analysis (MSE7002)* and *Advanced thermal power and energy systems (AME7008)*.
- Successfully delivered two undergraduate modules *Engineering Principles 2 (AME4063)* and *Engineering Technology (ATT3036)*.
- Supervised two undergraduate projects to successful completion, and actively supervising three apprenticeship students.
- Took an active part in the virtual open days for the School of Engineering.
- Re-organised the Mechanics and Dynamics lab together with other colleagues. Assembled and tested the equipment to ensure the correctness of operation.

### **W.2.) Research Software Engineer**, Swansea University, UK.

**Jul-2018 to Nov-2020**

- Designed and delivered a course on **High-Performance Computing with MATLAB** for the research staff at Swansea University.
- Successfully **published two papers on my independent research work** on a novel finite element framework for elastodynamics and wave propagation in incompressible material models.
- Developed the software framework for live CFD simulations on a Raspberry Pi cluster for the public outreach event focussed at promoting STEM subjects at the public outreach events.

### **W.3.) Research Officer**, College of Engineering, Swansea University, UK.

**Oct-2013 to Jun-2018**

#### **Project: Coupled flow simulations of large-scale geomechanical models.**

Oct-2017 to Jun-2018

- **Project funding: £49,000.**
- Parallelised the existing Fortran code for HPC platforms using MPI and PETSc libraries.
- Successfully performed large-scale simulations of models of sizes up to **50 million elements**.

#### **Project: Computer modelling of check valves in the VCT system.**

Oct-2013 to Sept-2017

- **Project funding: £250,000.**
- Developed an innovative numerical formulation and built it into a software tool, developed from scratch, using advanced programming concepts in C++ and various third-party libraries for Matrix Algebra (Eigen and PETSc), Computer Graphics and Visualisation (Boost, CGAL and VTK).
- Parallelised the numerical framework for fluid-structure interaction for HPC platforms and successfully performed large-scale FSI simulations of sizes up to 10 million DOFs.
- Successfully published the research outputs in seven journal papers and at five conferences.
- Submitted research grant proposals for Sér Cymru II and EPSRC RSE Fellowships.

### **W.4.) Engineer** at General Electric Aviation, Bengaluru, India.

**Aug-2008 to Sept-2010**

- Developed 2D and 3D finite element models for the turbine rotor components of GE's CF6, CF34, CFM56 and HF120 engines using Unigraphics, Hypermesh and ANSYS.
- Developed an innovative modelling practice for the finite element analysis of elastic-plastic material models and simulated the assembly process of HF120 engine turbine retainers. Was successful in getting this practice **approved as the best practice by the review board**.

## SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

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### Doctorate level:

- 1.) Syed Mehade Hussain, **PhD**, *CFD modelling particulate matter in indoor environments*.  
Co-supervisors: Dr. Saurav Goel (LSBU), Dr. Elsa Aristodemou (LSBU). **On going**.
- 2.) Peter Hall, **EngD**, *Computer simulation of hydraulic valves in automobile engines*.  
Co-supervisors: Prof. Wulf G. Dettmer (SU), Prof. Djordje Perić (SU). Year started: 2016. **On going**.
- 3.) Aleksander Lovrić, **PhD**, *Phase-field modelling for multiphase flows*.  
Co-supervisors: Prof. Wulf G. Dettmer, Prof. Djordje Perić. **Defended in 2020**.
- 4.) Mashid Ranjbarestalkhjani, **PhD**, *A Virtual Strategy to Determine Macroscopic Properties of Heterogeneous Composite Materials*. Co-supervisors: Prof. Perić, Prof. Dettmer. **Defended in 2020**.
- 5.) Hoang Quang, **PhD**, *A computational multiscale approach to the micro-discrete to macro-continuum transition*. Co-supervisors: Prof. Eduardo De Souza Neto, Prof. Wulf G. Dettmer. **Defended in 2020**.
- 6.) Alberto Coccarelli, **PhD**, *Modelling fluid-structure interaction phenomenon in human arteries*.  
Co-supervisors: Prof. Perumal Nithiarasu, Dr. Dimitris Parthimos. **Awarded in 2018**.
- 7.) Rui Liang, **PhD**, *Simulation of hydrodynamic interaction of flexible fibres in fluid flow*.  
Co-supervisors: Prof. Wulf G. Dettmer, Prof. Djordje Perić. **Awarded in 2018**.

### Masters level:

- 1.) Aleksander Lovrić, **MSc**, *On projection-type fractional step methods for incompressible fluid flow*.  
**Awarded in 2016**.
- 2.) Leidy Suárez González, **MSc**, *Efficient algorithms for detecting cut-cells and obtaining optimal quadrature points*. **Awarded in 2015**.
- 3.) Farhad Mani, **MSc**, *Isogeometric least-squares method for impact problems*. **Awarded in 2014**.

### Undergraduate level:

- 1.) Wenzheng Jin, *Finite Element Analysis of a prosthetic arm*, **Completed in 2021**.
- 2.) Wenshuo Pan, *Arduino programming for collision detection of a robotic car*, **Completed in 2021**.
- 3.) Nathan Jones, *Stress analysis of thin-walled aerospace structures using ANSYS*. **Awarded in 2017**.

## ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 1.) **Fluid Flow (EGF320)**: Fundamentals of fluid flow; internal flows; external flows; fluid kinematics.
- 2.) **Advanced Structural Analysis (EGF316)**: Basics of stress and strain; section properties; stresses in cylinders; rotating discs; theories of failure; stress concentration effects; and fatigue.
- 3.) **High Performance Computing with MATLAB**: A one-day workshop on high-performance computing using MATLAB's parallel computing toolbox.
- 4.) **Software Carpentry**: A two-day workshop on Unix Shell, Programming with Python and Version Control using Git.
- 5.) **Fluid-Structure Interaction (EGEM07)**: Computer modelling for fluid-structure interaction.
- 6.) **Engineering Analysis I (EG189)**: Tutorials on Sets, Functions, Derivatives, Integrals and Matrices.
- 7.) **Engineering Analysis II (EG190)**: Tutorials on Vector Algebra, Complex Numbers, Differential Equations, Multivariate Functions, and Sequences and Series.
- 8.) **Finite Element Method (EG323)**: Lab on Programming in MATLAB for basic FEM.
- 9.) **Computational Plasticity (EGIM08)**: Lab on Programming in MATLAB for elastoplastic material models, and ELFEN software.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- 1.) Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)
- 2.) Member at-large of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) UK Section
- 3.) Member of the UK Association for Computational Mechanics (UKACM)
- 4.) Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- 5.) Member of the International Association for Computational Mechanics (IACM)
- 6.) Member of the European Community on Computational Methods in Applied Sciences (ECCOMAS)

## PEER REVIEWING FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

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- 1.) Engineering Structures
- 2.) International Journal of Structural Stability and Dynamics
- 3.) Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering
- 4.) International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering
- 5.) Journal of Computational Physics
- 6.) Computer Physics Communications
- 7.) Computers and Mathematics with Applications
- 8.) European Journal of Mechanics - B/Fluids
- 9.) Energy Conversion and Management
- 10.) Journal of Open Source Software
- 11.) Proceedings of the ICE - Engineering and Computational Mechanics
- 12.) MDPI journals: Biomimetics, Mathematical and Computational Applications, Fluids, Applied Sciences

## CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- 1.) “Moodle”, Self-learning, Bolton, January-May 2021.
- 2.) “Sheffield GPU Hackathon”, 19-23 August, Sheffield, 2019.
- 3.) “Dell optimisation training”, 20-21 February, Swansea, 2019.
- 4.) “SA2C minisymposium”, 13 September, Swansea, 2018.
- 5.) “Fundamentals of Accelerated Computing with CUDA Python”, Cardiff University, July 2019.
- 6.) “VI-HPS Tuning Performance Analysis Workshop”, University of Bristol, April 2019.
- 7.) “Dirac Day”, Swansea University, September, 2018.
- 8.) “Nvidia Hackathon”, Swansea University, September 2018.
- 9.) “University Teaching”, coursera.org. February 2018.
- 10.) “Parallel programming with OpenMP and OpenMPI”. Self-learning, June 2016.

## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

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- 1.) **Programming languages:** C, C++, Fortran, MATLAB, Python, Bash shell, AWK, HTML/CSS
- 2.) **High-performance computing:** OpenMP, OpenMPI, Petsc, VTK, Score-P, Scalasca, TAU
- 3.) **Build tools and KDEs:** GNU Make, CMake, VS Code, KDevelop
- 4.) **Matrix libraries:** Eigen, PETSc, MUMPS, UMFPACK, SuperLU, PARDISO
- 5.) **CAD/CAE:** SolidWorks, HyperMesh, Gmsh, ANSYS
- 6.) **Visualisation:** Matplotlib, VTK libraries, ParaView

## List of publications

### ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

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- J.18.) **C. Kadapa**, Z. Li, M. Hossain, J. Wang. *On the advantages of mixed formulation and higher-order elements for computational morphoelasticity*. JOURNAL OF THE MECHANICS AND PHYSICS OF SOLIDS, 148:104289, 2021.
- J.17.) **C. Kadapa**. *A simple extrapolated predictor for overcoming the starting and tracking issues in the arc-length method for nonlinear structural mechanics*. ENGINEERING STRUCTURES, 234:111755, 2021.
- J.16.) **C. Kadapa**. *A novel semi-implicit scheme for elastodynamics and wave propagation in nearly and truly incompressible solids*. ACTA MECHANICA, 232:2135-2163, 2021.
- J.15.) **C. Kadapa**, M. Hossain. *A robust and computationally efficient finite element framework for coupled electromechanics*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 372:113443, 2020.
- J.14.) **C. Kadapa**. *A second-order accurate non-intrusive staggered scheme for fluid-structure interaction with ultra lightweight rigid bodies*. Ocean Engineering, 217:107940, 2020.
- J.13.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Accurate iteration-free mixed-stabilised formulations for laminar incompressible Navier-Stokes: Applications to fluid-structure interaction*. JOURNAL OF FLUIDS AND STRUCTURES, 97:103077, 2020.
- J.12.) W. G. Dettmer, A. Lovrić, **C. Kadapa**, D. Perić. *New iterative and staggered solution schemes for incompressible fluid-structure interaction based on Dirichlet-Neumann coupling*. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING, 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/nme.6494>
- J.11.) **C. Kadapa**, M. Hossain. *A linearized consistent mixed displacement-pressure formulation for compressible and incompressible hyperelasticity*. MECHANICS OF ADVANCED MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES, DOI: 10.1080/15376494.2020.1762952.
- J.10.) **C. Kadapa**. *Novel quadratic Bézier triangular and tetrahedral elements using existing mesh generators: Extension to nearly incompressible implicit and explicit elastodynamics in finite strains*. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING, 119:75-104, 2019.
- J.9.) **C. Kadapa**. *Novel quadratic Bézier triangular and tetrahedral elements using existing mesh generators: Applications to linear nearly incompressible elastostatics and implicit and explicit elastodynamics*. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING, 117:543-573, 2019.
- J.8.) A. Lovrić, W. G. Dettmer, **C. Kadapa**, D. Perić. *A new family of projection schemes for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with control of high-frequency damping*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 339:160-183, 2018.
- J.7.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *A stabilised immersed framework on hierarchical b-spline grids for fluid-flexible structure interaction with solid-solid contact*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 335:472-489, 2018.
- J.6.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *On the advantages of using the first-order generalised-alpha scheme for structural dynamic problems*. COMPUTERS AND STRUCTURES, 193:226-238, 2017.
- J.5.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *A stabilised immersed boundary method on hierarchical b-spline grids for fluid-rigid body interaction with solid-solid contact*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 318:242-269, 2017.
- J.4.) W. G. Dettmer, **C. Kadapa**, D. Perić. *A stabilised immersed boundary method on hierarchical b-spline grids*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 311:415-437, 2016.
- J.3.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Subdivision based mixed methods for isogeometric analysis of linear and nonlinear nearly incompressible materials*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 305:241-270, 2016.
- J.2.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *A fictitious domain/distributed Lagrange multiplier based fluid-structure interaction scheme with hierarchical B-Spline grids*. COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING, 301:1-27, 2016.

- J.1.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *NURBS based Least-Squares Finite Element Methods for Fluid and Solid mechanics*. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING, 101:521-539, 2015.

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#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- C.12.) **C. Kadapa** *Towards robust and efficient solvers for fluid-structure interaction problems involving thin flexible structures*, UKACM 2021 Conference, April 2021.
- C.11.) **C. Kadapa and M. Hossain**. *A Novel Finite Element Framework for Coupled Electromechanical Interactions*, 14th WCCM & ECCOMAS Congress 2020, January, 2021.
- C.10.) **C. Kadapa**. *Simulating complex fluid-structure interaction on supercomputers*, Supercomputing Wales Midpoint Conference, Cardiff, January, 2020.
- C.9.) **C. Kadapa**. *Novel unified finite element schemes for computational solid mechanics based on Bézier elements*, UK Association for Computational Mechanics 2019 Conference, London, April, 2019.
- C.8.) A. Lovrić, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić, **C. Kadapa**. *Phase-field modelling*, IGA 2018: Integrating Design and Analysis, Texas, USA, October 2018.
- C.7.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *A robust stabilised immersed finite element framework for complex fluid-structure interaction*, 19th International Conference on Finite Elements in Flow Problems, Rome, Italy, April 2017.
- C.6.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *CutFEM on hierarchical B-Spline cartesian grids with applications to fluid-structure interaction*, ECCOMAS Congress 2016, Crete Island, Greece, June 2016.
- C.5.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Inf-sup Stable Displacement-Pressure Combinations for Isogeometric Analysis of Nearly Incompressible Materials*, III International Conference on Isogeometric Analysis 2015, Trondheim, Norway, June 2015.
- C.4.) W. G. Dettmer, **C. Kadapa**, D. Perić. *Formulation and performance study of an immersed boundary method on a hierarchical B-Spline grid*, VI International Conference on Coupled Problems in Science and Engineering, Venice, Italy, May 2015.
- C.3.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Fluid-flexible solid interaction with immersed boundary method based on hierarchical B-Spline grid*, VI International Conference on Coupled Problems in Science and Engineering, Venice, Italy, May 2015.
- C.2.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Fluid-structure interaction with immersed boundary method based on hierarchical B-Spline based Eulerian grid*, ACME-UK 23rd Conference on Computational Mechanics, Swansea, United Kingdom, April 2015.
- C.1.) **C. Kadapa**, W. G. Dettmer, D. Perić. *Mixed Methods for Isogeometric Analysis of Nearly Incompressible Materials*, XII International Conference on Computational Plasticity, Barcelona, September 2013.

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#### INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

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- T.5.) *Computational fluid-structure interaction - Large deformations, added-mass & staggered schemes*, The Mechanics Discussions Lecture Series, 2020.
- T.4.) *Challenges in Computational Mechanics of Soft Materials and Smart Polymers*, Swansea Mathematical Sciences - Unplugged, Department of Mathematics, Swansea University, Swansea, October 2019.
- T.3.) *Moving away from Lagrange elements - novel unified finite element schemes for computational physics and engineering using Bézier elements*, My Research Talk, Swansea University, Swansea, May 2019.
- T.2.) *Novel explicit/semi-implicit schemes for fluid flow problems*, IIT Madras, India, November 2018.
- T.1.) *Fluid-structure interaction schemes based on hierarchical B-Spline cartesian grids*, Durham University, Durham, December 2015.